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# Alaska's Emperor Goose

*Nacaulget Ligliqpak*  
*Qamgaangiz Leghlleg*

## For many years...

Native people have depended on emperors for food, especially in times of hardship. The emperors are now in trouble. Return the favor. Do not hunt emperors until their population increases to healthy levels.

## What's happening today?

The emperor population is not increasing quickly enough.

- In 1964 there were 139,000 Emperors.
- In 1986 there were 42,000
- In 1999 there were 55,000
- In 2000 there were 62,600
- In 2001 there were 84,400

## Why?

Emperors reproduce slowly.

- They do not mate until they are 3 years old.
- Only 1 out of every 10 goslings survive the first year.
- Even fewer survive 3 years to become breeders.

## Only YOU can help Emperors.

- Don't hunt emperors or take their eggs.
- Ask friends and relatives not to hunt emperors and remind each other of their low population.
- Join other partners to get the word out!

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